

Ealdormere Scribal Handbook

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- THL Tesla de Chardon, Trillium Signet

Introduction

There have been a ton of books written on how to do Illumination and Calligraphy, and everyone's method is different. Please try, experiment and find what is best for you.

Our hope is that this handbook will provide the Ealdormere Scribes and those interested in the scribal arts with the basic information to get a good start at producing a kingdom level scroll.

Since the Trillium Signet is a deputy of The Trillium Herald, only the Trillium Signet and the Trillium Herald may implement changes to this handbook. The Trillium Signet must receive full approval from the Trillium Herald and Privy Council prior to implementing any changes.

The Scribes of Ealdormere are under the College of Heraldry, and the Signet of the Kingdom is a titled herald within that college. The Herald's job in the awarding of scrolls is to bring to the populace's attention the award, so that they may hear the words of TRM and admire the hard work, skill and/ or prowess of the recipient.

The Scribe's job is to document the words of TRM for the recipient's own enjoyment, so they have a physical memory of the day they received the recognition of the Crown.

For the purposes of this document the following definitions are being used:

Requirements: Needs to be done to hold the job.

Responsibilities: If not done you're the only one that misses out.

The Trillium Signet

What is a Trillium Signet?

The Trillium Signet is the person in Ealdormere who is responsible for the assignment, administration, and production of all scrolls produced for the Kingdom and the promotion of the scribal arts in the Kingdom. The Trillium Signet's Job is to ensure a scroll (rather than a promissory note) is available in all cases where TRM wish a scroll.

Requirements of the Trillium Signet's Office

- Maintain and update the scribal roster.
- Maintain communications with the Crown in order to receive and disseminate the list of awards for upcoming events.
- Check the Order of Precedence to ensure the recipient has not already received that award.
- Check to see if the recipient has registered arms.
- Contact the scribes to request volunteers to produce the scrolls.
- In the case of a special request regarding materials or types of scrolls, the Signet shall ensure the Crown is aware of the need for additional expense, and arrange for any reimbursement of materials to be paid to the scribe if needed.
- Assign the various levels of award scrolls to the scribes with the appropriate skill level. (first come, first serve)
- Provide guidance and assistance to the scribes of Ealdormere for the production of scrolls.
- Collect the required scrolls at the specified event.
- Deliver the required scrolls to TRM for signature and sealing.
- Attend court to maintain a scribal court list (report) for each event that contains TRM names, the name and date of the event, the recipient's name, the name of the award and the reason for the award, the scribe's assigned the work and whether the award was given or not.
- Following the event, send a copy of the court report to the Trillium Herald.
- Do a quarterly and end of year Domes day report to the Trillium Herald within specified timelines as specified by the Trillium Herald, as specified by the Procedures and Policies of the College of Heralds.

- Maintain the undelivered scrolls (and those that were read into court but not delivered) and to the best of their ability have them delivered to the recipient.
- Be a source to hook up Illuminators and calligraphers when needed.
- Maintain a list of what and how many scrolls each scribe did per reign.
- Communicating scroll and heraldic standards and or requirements for the various levels of Awards within the Kingdom.
- Maintain up to date files for each reign that includes all scribal court reports and related correspondence.
- Should the Signet not be able to attend an event, they shall appoint a deputy signet for the day.

Trillium Signet Responsibilities

- Recruit new scribes within the kingdom.
- Responsible for maintaining the handbook and updating it.
- Maintain or assign a deputy to maintain the e-scribe list.
- Provide advice and communicate to the TRM and TRH the process for scroll production, and the timeline requirements.
- Be prepared to have last minute scrolls at events.
- Assist in getting commission scroll done.

Requirements of a Deputy Signet for a Day

- Obtain the specified scribal court list from the Kingdom Signet.
- Attend the event specified
- Collect the required scrolls
- Ensure TRM receive, sign and seal said scrolls
- Attend court specified
- Track on said court list which scrolls were done and given out
Report back to the Trillium Signet with said court list

A Kingdom Scribe

What is a Kingdom Scribe?

A Kingdom scribe is an Illuminator, calligrapher, or both, that records the words of TRM, with paper, pen and paint or other appropriate medium.

Requirements of a Kingdom Scribe

- To volunteer to make scrolls
- Deliver scrolls to Signet on duty at specified event at least 2 hour's before specified court.
- Ensure the identity of the recipient is kept secret from all. The Crown has the ability to give or not give any award at their pleasure. Failing to maintain confidentiality **may** cause an award to be postponed or not given.
- Ensure that all required elements are on the scroll
- Provide a legible copy of the text (type or hand written), taped to the back of the each scroll.
- Use appropriate and acceptable mediums for Kingdom level scrolls.
- Use appropriate references for the time period of the SCA.
- Should situations arise which prevent a scribe from completing an assignment or delivering a finished scroll on time The Scribe **will** notify the Signet Office as soon as possible.
- Check with Signet to see if recipient has registered arms.

Scribe's Responsibilities

- Inform Trillium Signet of any Kingdom level scrolls you are doing (i.e....commission scrolls, assignments directly from the crown) in case of delicate information, shortly after the fact.
- A commission is a scroll arranged between the scribe and the recipient after the award has been presented. Any reimbursement or cost for materials and time should be arranged privately between the scribe and the recipient.
- In the case where request for special materials is made prior to the presentation of an award, the scribe should feel free to negotiate a commission price for reimbursement of material cost at the very least,

either through the Signet's office, or with the individual making the request .

- Sign your work.
- If unsure of something ask your signet.
- Strive to use resources, to make scrolls fit the SCA time period.

To Be Added To The Scribal Roster

Contact the Trillium Signet, She /He will most likely want to see some of your work to see what level you are at. The Trillium Signet will need:

- Your SCA Name,
- Your Mundane Name,
- Phone Number,
- Your E-Mail address
- Art Form (Illumination, Calligraphy, Embroidery, Leather etc...)

Scrolls

What is a Scroll?

A Scroll is a special recognition of a person's effort within the society. It is a thank you from TRM and the populace, and hopefully a nice way to remember their day of recognition.

Scroll Standards (Basics)

Acceptable Kingdom scrolls meet these guidelines:

Please note: The King and Queen can make decrees which can affect the wording and structure of scrolls. The Trillium Signet will inform the scribes of any special request from the Crown.

They are made of suitable materials.

They include the necessary information and spaces for appropriate signatures.

- Name of Royalty giving the Award
- Recipient's full SCA name
- Full name of award being given (no abbreviations)
- Reason for award
- Date and name of event and where it is held (shire/canton/barony)

The inclusion of all of these elements is required so that the award is "official". If elements from the above list are not included you run the risk of having the award's validity being questioned, as Kingdom law states that each of the awards must be "proclaimed in Court". The Trillium Herald shall set out the standards for the required elements within the Heraldic Operating Policies.

The Date consists of Mundane Month and Day (so there is a record of when the award was given), and Society year, (Anno Societatis means year of the Society. A .S. can be used.)

SCA dates begin the year on May 1st (i.e. April 30, 2003 = 30th Day of April, Anno Societatis XXXVII and May 1, 2003 = 1st Day of May, Anno Societatis XXXVIII)

The signatures of the King and Queen are usually placed near the bottom of the scroll text. Also leave a 2 ½ inch diameter space for the Kingdom Seal.

All awards should have the badge of the award on it. (once passed by the Laurel Sovereign of Arms). This can be incorporated into the illumination or in the text area other than where the Seal and King and Queens names are to go. GOA-level and above scrolls should also include an achievement of the recipient's arms (if passed by the College of Arms, if not, a shield blank can be included) (see the section on Basic Achievements for Scribes later in this handbook for details)

They fit in standard-size picture frames. (5X7, 8X10, 11x14, 12x16, 16x20, 18x24, 20X24, 24x30, 24x36) unless other wise specified.

Leave a margin, so the scroll can be matted and framed, ½ inch to 1 ½ is good.

Make sure your calligraphy fits the style and period of the Illumination.

Keep scrolls flat never roll them.

Proper credit is given for all work. Please sign your work on the back.

Calligraphy by (scribe A) and Illumination by (scribe B) are fairly common. The amount of illumination depends on the type of scroll and level of award you are doing.

For proper way to display heraldry please see article by The Trillium Herald

About Honours

Awards and other honours are given to people in recognition of service, achievement, excellence, good deeds, or for many other reasons. The following is a list of the honours of Ealdormere at this time.

Honours Which Carry No Precedence

Scroll of Honour
Award of the Wolf's Cub
Award of the Queen's Favour
Award of the King's Favour
Order of the Rose

Honours Conveying Arms

Award of Arms
Award of the Maiden's Heart
Award of Orion

Award of the Scarlet Banner

Honours Conveying Grants

Grant of Arms

Order of the Wain

Order of the Crucible

Order of Thorbjorn's Hammer

Honours Conveying Peerage

Order of the Pelican

Order of the Laurel

Order of the Chivalry

Other Honours Conveying Precedence

Court Baron/Baroness

County

Duchy

Territorial Barons/Baronesses – to date the scribes have not been asked to provide scrolls for this “position”

These award texts are suggested wordings only, see the section on Scroll Standards for required elements.

Award of the Wolf's Cub

Given to children of twelve years and under who have served beyond their years and set an example to others. Recipients may style themselves as "Wolf's Cubs".

There is no badge or heraldry for this award.

Award of the Wolf's Cub Text:

Hear, see, read and understand that size and age are no hindrances to good service and a giving heart. There are children within the Lupine Kingdom of Ealdormere who have served beyond their years and set an example to others. Such a gentle is **[recipient]**, who **[reasons for award]**. Therefore do We, **[Sovereign]**, **[King/Queen]** of Ealdormere, and **[Consort]**, Our **[Queen/King]** by grace and inspiration, bestow upon **him/her** the Award of the Wolf's Cub this **[day]** day of **[month]**, Anno Societatus **[year]**, while sitting on Our thrones in Our **[group hosting event]** at **[event]**.

Scroll of Honour

The Scroll of Honour is a record of the worthy deeds of the people and friends of Ealdormere which do not necessarily fall into the scope and structure of the other Kingdom awards. The names of those accomplishing such worthy deeds shall be entered fittingly on the Scroll of Honour at the discretion of the Crown.

There is no badge or heraldry for this award.

Scroll of Honour Text:

There exists in the Trillium Kingdom a record of the worthy deeds of the people and friends of Ealdormere. It is fitting for the names of those accomplishing worthy deeds to be entered upon this scroll. One such name is **[recipient]**, who **[reasons for award]**. Therefore do We, **[Sovereign]** and **[Consort]**, **[King/Queen]** and **[Queen/King]** of Ealdormere, command that **he/she** be entered into the Scroll of Honour. Done this day in Our **[group hosting event]** at **[event]**, **[day]** **[month]**, Anno Societatus **[year]**.

Award of the King's Favour

Given by the King of Ealdormere as He sees fit.

There is no badge or heraldry for this award.

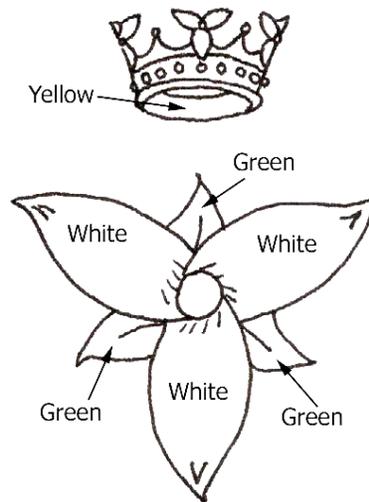
Award of the King's Favour Text:

Be it known throughout this realm of Ealdormere, that our right high and noble King **[name]** does sit His throne in court today, and casts His eyes in favour upon His good and worthy subject **[recipient's name]**. Let all know that this good noble shall henceforth bear a mark of Royal Favour for his acts that support King and Crown. **[Recipient]** shall receive from His Majesty's hand, the King's Favour, and is commended to make display of it so all shall know of the singular favour the Crown finds in this person. Done this **[day]** day of **[month]**, Anno Societatus **[year]**.

Award of the Queen's Favour

Given by the Queen of Ealdormere as She sees fit.

This award has no badge but you may include the Queen's badge (below) or a design as provided by her Majesty.



Award of the Queen's Favour Text:

From Her Throne the Queen of Ealdormere **[name]** did witness the good heart and acts of one **[recipient]**. It is with a glad heart that she does call **him/her** forward today to publicly commend them for reason of **[reasons]**, and mark them with her Favour. So let all here bear witness that the Award of the Queen's favour has been bestowed upon **[recipient]** this **[day]** day of **[month]**, Anno Societatus **[year]**.

Order of the Rose

Given automatically to individuals who complete a reign as consort. Recipients may style themselves as 'Lady of the Rose' or 'Lord of the Rose'.

Token for the Order of the Rose (a chaplet of roses – any colour)



Order of the Rose Text:

Here the rose reigns as Queen of the garden, So have you **[recipient]** reigned with grace and demeanor, inspiring all that discerned you as Queen and helpmate of Chivalry. In recognition of this service We, **[name]** Monarch of these Lupine lands, and **[name]** his Trillium Queen, but create by decree that which you have demonstrated by example, and elevate you to the honour and estate of Lady of the Rose, bestowing herewith all rights and privileges apparent thereto. Signed by Our hand this **[day]** day of **[month]** AS **[year]** as We ascend the throne at **[event]** in **[location]**.

Alternate Order of the Rose Text:

(the following wording was written by Baron Auguste Valizan, based upon his original wording for the induction of Countess Rustique de Sourde (7th Queen of Ealdormere) into the Order of the Rose, Anno Societatus XXXVI)

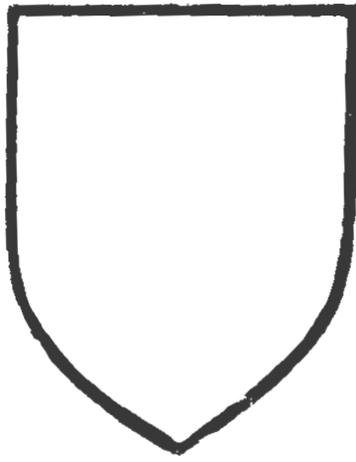
When in full bloom, that flower so regal,
three petals stretching proudly, warmly
in Knowne Worlde Wide embrace.
Empress of the garden for her beauty so rare
watered by the honour of the people with care.
From marbled halls to bureaus of commerce
thy hardy presence led with humour and grace.
But the season's end comes too soon.
A blossom of alabaster under a blanket of snow,
as slightly fades the Trillium's flowering.
Tie buds of green to the bouquet that gathers
as the Trillium becomes a Rose.

Thus do We **[name]** Monarch of these Lupine lands, and **[name]** his Trillium Queen, commend **[recipient]** and join her into the noble Order Of The Rose for successfully completing a reign on the throne of Ealdormere. Done this **[day]** day of **[month]** AS **[year]** as We ascend the throne at **[event]** in **[location]**.

Award of Arms - A.O.A.

Usually the first Kingdom award a gentle will receive in the Society. Given for service that enhances the game for others in some way. Recipients may style themselves 'Lord' or 'Lady'.

- Should contain the Arms of the recipient, as passed by the Laurel Sovereign of Arms. If not passed a shield shape should be left blank for future inclusion.



A.O.A. Text:

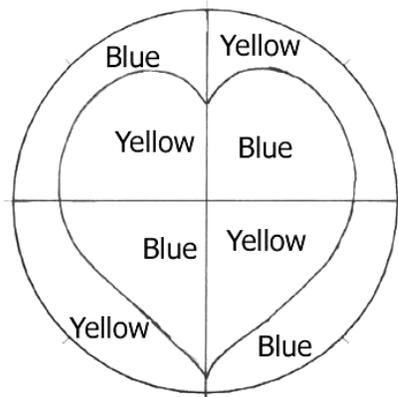
Be it known that We, **[King]**, King by right of arms, and **[Queen]**, Our Queen, are minded to make unto **[Name]** an Award of Arms in recognition of **his/her** service to the Ealdormere, specifically for **[Service]**. We bestow upon **him/her** the right to bear arms as registered within the Society for Creative Anachronism without let or hindrance from any person, and the rights and responsibilities conveyed by **his/her** elevation to this rank. Done this **[Date]** day of **[Month]**, Anno Societatis **[Year]**, while sitting on our thrones in Our **[Place name]**, in testimony whereof we have set our hand and seal.

Before the Trillium Throne of **[King]** and Our beautiful **[Queen]** kneels Our humble servant. **[name]** is noble in deed, but not in name. **[His/ her]** service to this Kingdom by **[reason for the award]** has enriched and benefited all of Our people. Thus, this day **[date]** of **[month]** Anno Societatis **[Year]**, we see fit to bestow upon **[him/her]** the right to bear arms within Our Society and charge **[him/her]** with the responsibilities conveyed by this elevation. We set Our hands and seals to this proclamation while sitting on Our thrones at **[event name]**.

Award of the Maiden's Heart

Given to individuals who have performed exemplary service to Ealdormere and who demonstrate courteous and chivalrous behaviour. Recipients who do not already have an Award of Arms receive one automatically with this award; and may style themselves 'Lord' or 'Lady'.

- The Award Badge



Quarterly azure (blue) and Or (yellow or gold), a heart counter-changed

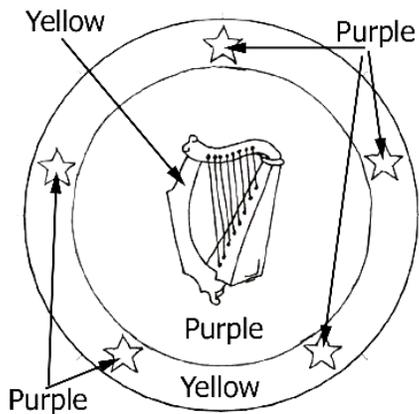
Award of the Maiden's Heart Text:

From our Lupine Thrones in Our **[group hosting event]** do We, **[Sovereign]**, **[King/Queen]** of Ealdormere by right of arms, and **[Consort]**, by inspiration Our most gracious **[Queen/King]**, send greetings. Be it known that We do recognize the exemplary service of **[recipient]**, who **[reasons for award]**. We do here commend **him/her** and are pleased to bestow upon **him/her** the Award of the Maiden's Heart and the right to bear the badge of the award. Given this **[day]** day of **[month]**, Anno Societatis **[year]**, at **[event]**, in testimony whereof We have set Our hands and seal.

Award of the Orion

Given to individuals who have demonstrated skill in the arts and sciences and who demonstrate courteous and chivalrous behaviour. Recipients who do not already have an Award of Arms receive one automatically with this award; and may style themselves 'Lord' or 'Lady'.

- The Award Badge



Purpure (purple), an Irish harp, on a bordure Or (yellow or gold) five mullets purpure (purple)

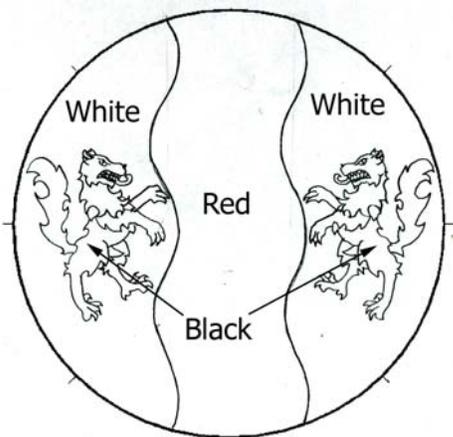
Award of the Orion Text:

Proclaim throughout the realm that We, **[Consort]**, **[Queen/King]** of Ealdormere and **[Patron (ess)]** of the Arts and Sciences, and **[Sovereign]**, Our **[King/Queen]** by right of arms, are right mindful of the skills in which **[recipient]** has displayed in **[details of reasons for award]**. Therefore do We wish to recognize **him/her** with Our Award of the Orion and give **him/her** the right to wear the badge of the award. Done by Our hands and seal this **[day]** of **[month]**, Anno Societatis **[year]**, while sitting on Our thrones in Our **[group hosting event]**, at **[event]**.

Award of the Scarlet Banner

Given to individuals who have demonstrated skill in a martial discipline approved within Ealdormere, and who demonstrate courteous and chivalrous behaviour both on and off the field. Recipients who do not already have an Award of Arms receive one automatically with this award; and may style themselves 'Lord' or 'Lady'.

- The Award Badge



Argent, a pale wavy gules between two wolves combatant sable

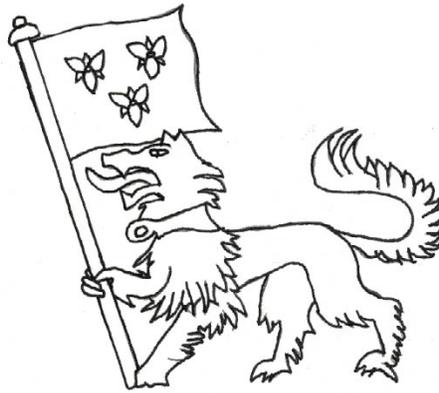
Award of the Scarlet Banner Text:

See, read, hear, know and understand by these presents that We, **[Sovereign]** and **[Consort]**, **[King/Queen]** and **[Queen/King]** of these Trillium lands of Ealdormere, do wish to recognize the skill in martial activity which **[recipient]** has displayed, specifically **[insert more details here]**. For this do We now commend **him/her** and bestow upon **him/her** Our Award of the Scarlet Banner and the right to bear the badge of the award. Done while sitting upon Our thrones in Our **[group hosting event]** at **[event]** this **[day]** day of **[month]**, Anno Societatis **[year]**, in testimony whereof We have set Our hands and seal.

Grant of Arms - G.O.A.

Given for service that enhances the game for others in some way. Recipients may style themselves 'The Honourable Lord' or 'The Honourable Lady' and may be addressed as 'Your Ladyship' or 'Your Lordship'. The presentation of any of the Grant-level Orders or the simple Grant of Arms conveys the right to bear the Crest of the Kingdom.

The Kingdom Crest



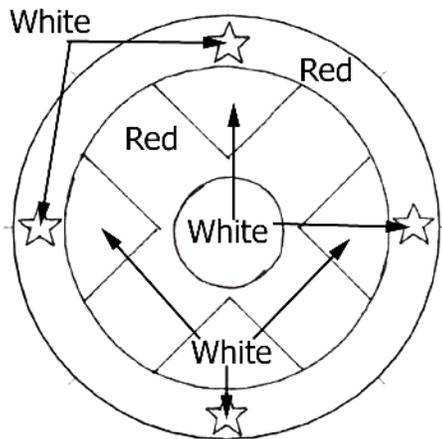
Grant of Arms (simple) Text:

In accord with all that is proper, attend and bear witness. Since those things which are done lapse with the passage of time, and unless they are supported by written testimony, will easily slip the memories of men, We wish it to be known to all people both now and in future that We **[Sovereign]** and **[Consort]**, King and Queen of Ealdormere, knowing well the value of the service of **[recipient]** especially **his/her** efforts as **[details of service]** hereby bestow unto **him/her** a Grant of Arms and the right to bear the Crest of the Kingdom. We strengthen this appointment in writing as witnessed by those assembled at **[event]** this **[day]** day of **[month]**, Anno Societatis **[year]**.

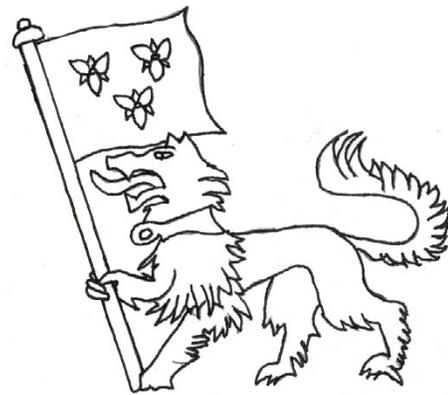
Order of the Wain

Given to individuals who have performed exemplary and long-standing service to Ealdormere in a variety of different areas; who present a reasonably authentic appearance; and who provide an example of courtesy and chivalry worthy of emulation. Recipients who do not already have a Grant of Arms receive one automatically with this award. Recipients may style themselves 'The Honourable Lord' or 'The Honourable Lady' and may be addressed as 'Your Ladyship' or 'Your Lordship'.

- The Award Badge



- The Kingdom Crest



Argent (white) , a saltire pierced, on a bordure gules (red) in cross four mullets argent (white).

Order of the Wain Text:

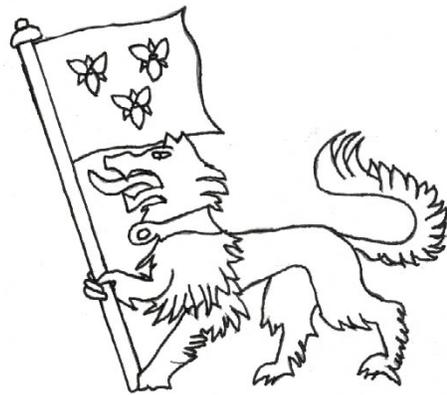
All gentles and nobility, let it be known by all that We, **[Sovereign]** and **[Consort]**, **[King/Queen]** and **[Queen/King]** of the Trillium lands of Ealdormere, in consideration of the most excellent service that **[recipient]** has given **[details of service]**, are minded to induct **him/her** as a Companion into Our noble Order of the Wain and the right to bear the badge of the Order, Argent, a saltire pierced, on a bordure gules in cross four mullets argent. Furthermore do We bestow upon **him/her** a Grant of Arms and the right to style themselves the Honorable **Lord/Lady** with the right to bear **his/her** arms **[insert blazon here if one has been registered]** with the Crest of the Kingdom. Given by Our hands this **[day]** day of **[month]**, Anno Societatis **[year]**, at **[event]** in Our **[group hosting event]**.

Order of the Crucible

Given to individuals who have demonstrated skill in a variety of arts and sciences, including a high level (journeyman) skill in at least one discipline; who have demonstrated a knowledge of period techniques; who have demonstrated the ability to research and the willingness to teach arts and sciences-related skills; and who provide an example of courtesy and chivalry worthy of emulation. Recipients who do not already have a Grant of Arms receive one automatically with this award. Recipients may style themselves 'The Honourable Lord' or 'The Honourable Lady' and may be addressed as 'Your Ladyship' or 'Your Lordship'.

- The Award Badge
As of today not passed

The Kingdom Crest



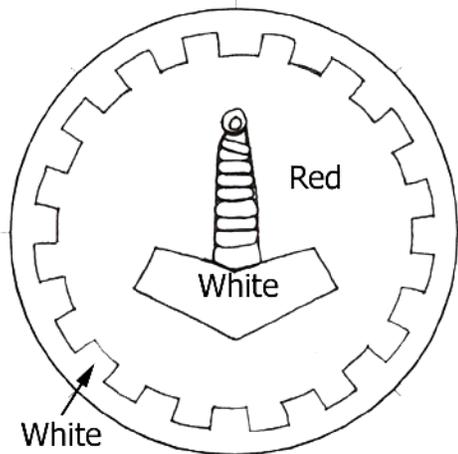
Order of the Crucible Text:

From Our Lupine Thrones in Our **[group hosting event]** do We, **[Consort]**, **[Queen/King]** of Ealdormere and **[Patron (ess)]** of the Arts and Sciences, and **[Sovereign]**, Our **[King/Queen]** by right of arms, are right mindful of the exemplary skill in which **[recipient]** has displayed in **[details of reasons for award]**. We therefore wish to recognize **him/her** as a Companion of Our noble Order of the Crucible and may bear the badge of the Order. And furthermore do We give unto **him/her** a Grant of Arms and the right to bear **his/her** arms **[insert blazon here if one has been registered]** with the Crest of the Kingdom. Given by Our hands this **[day]** day of **[month]**, Anno Societatis **[year]**, at **[event]**.

Order of Thorbjorn's Hammer

Given to individuals who have exhibited excellence in a martial activity approved in Ealdormere; who demonstrate a knowledge of related skills and/or of other martial disciplines; who demonstrate a leadership role in a martial activity, including a willingness to teach; who present a reasonably authentic appearance; and who provide an example of courtesy and chivalry worthy of emulation. Recipients who do not already have a Grant of Arms receive one automatically with this award. Recipients may style themselves 'The Honourable Lord' or 'The Honourable Lady' and may be addressed as 'Your Ladyship' or 'Your Lordship'.

- The Award Badge



- The Kingdom Crest



Gules (red) , a Thor's hammer within a bordure embattled argent (white).

Order of Thorbjorn's Text:

To all unto whom these presents come, know that We, **[Sovereign]**, **[King/Queen]** of Ealdormere by right of Arms, and **[Consort]**, by grace and inspiration Our **[Queen/King]**, do know well of the great prowess which **[recipient]** has displayed **[insert more details here]**. As such exemplary skill should not go unrecognized, We do now commend **him/her** and induct **him/her** as a Companion into Our noble Order of Thorbjorn's Hammer and allow **him/her** to wear the badge of the Order: Gules , a Thor's hammer within a bordure embattled argent. Further, We do confer upon **him/her** a Grant of Arms and the right to bear **his/her** arms **[insert blazon here if one has been registered]** with the Crest of the Kingdom. Done by Our hands and seal while sitting on Our Lupine thrones in Our **[group hosting event]**, this **[day]** day of **[month]**, Anno Societatis **[year]**, at **[event]**.

Other Option for Orders

Proclaim to all gentles and nobles and let it be known by these present letters that We, **[Sovereign]** and **[Consort]**, **[King/Queen]** and **[Queen/King]** of these mighty lands known as Ealdormere, send due commendations and greetings. We hope not only to embellish, but to increase the dignity of Our lands when We dispense titles of honour among noble, discreet and valiant persons. Wherefore We have directed the regard of Our consideration to **[recipient]** who has rendered to us and Our Kingdom not only useful but fruitful and honourable services. We do prefer and create **him/her** by Grant of Arms, A Companion of the Order **[of High Merit for [Service/Arts and Sciences/Martial Arts]: [leave blank space for award name]**. **He/She** shall receive all honours, duties and privileges as are conveyed by this station including the right to bear the badge of the Order. **(Blazon of said Order)** The College of Arms having approved: **[blazon]** for **his/her** sole and unique use, the Honourable **Lord/Lady [recipient's name]** shall bear these Arms with the Crest of the Kingdom as a sign of Our high favour .Done by Our hands this **[day]** day of **[month]**, Anno Societatis **[year]**.

Court Baron/Baroness

Given at the pleasure of the Crown to individuals who provide the gift of inspiration and uphold the ideals of the Society; who present a reasonably authentic appearance; and who provide an example of courtesy and honour worthy of emulation. Often given to retiring Territorial Barons and Baronesses (see below). Recipients may wear a silver coronet adorned with six spheroids (generally pearls), may style themselves as 'Baron' or 'Baroness', and may be addressed as 'Your Excellency'.

Be it known by all that We, **[Sovereign]** and **[Consort]**, **[King/Queen]** and **[Queen/King]** of the Lupine Kingdom of Ealdormere, send greetings from Our **[group hosting event]** at **[event]**. It is the privilege of the Crown to recognize certain nobility, and We have seen such nobility in **[recipient]**, by **[reasons for award]**. We do therefore declare **him/her** to be a **[Baron (ess)]** of Our court. And though by this rank **he/she** shall hold no authority or power to command, so shall **he/she** be granted such honour and respect as befits a person of great worth and courtesy. Henceforth **he/she** may be addressed as "Your Excellency", and may wear a coronet of silver ornamented with six pearls. This do We affirm by our hands and seal this **[day]** day of **[month]**, Anno Societatis **[year]**.

Royal/Kingdom Augmentation of Arms

Let all nobles and peers of the realm draw near, and let all gentles of the realm hear these words, that Their Most Gracious Majesties, **[Sovereign] [Rex/Regina]** and **[Consort] [Regina/Rex]** do recognize the noble worth of **[recipient]**, and the good works they have done for the Realm of Ealdormere. Their Majesties convey Their thanks to **[recipient]**, and know in the fullness of Their wisdom that no kingdom honour is sufficient for the service that has been rendered to Their royal person.

It is therefore Their desire and decree that **[recipient]** shall be known to all by a mark of royal favour. This favour shall take the noble bearing of an Augmentation of Arms, to wit, **[charge*]**, to be borne on an escutcheon of pretense, a roundel, a canton, or in any other manner of noble bearing that shall display this singular mark of favour of the Crown.

Let all cheer for this wondrous occasion, and let the heralds now be set to work! Done this **[day]** day of **[month]**, Anno Societatis **[year]**, from the Court of Their Majesties, **[Sovereign] [Rex/Regina]** ET **[Consort] [Regina/Rex]** Regina Borealis.

* - A Royal Augmentation is usually some charge or charge element associated with the Sovereign presenting the augmentation (this could be their personal badge, a portion of their personal arms or some other element).

A Kingdom Augmentation permits the recipient the right to bear some charge or charge element of a Kingdom badge. In either case the form of the augmentation is simply a "suggestion" as ultimately only the Laurel Sovereign of Arms may approve the method of display.

Order of the Pelican

Given to individuals for mastery of service to the realm or the Society. Recipients may style themselves as 'Master' or 'Mistress'.

Achievement: Silver or white helmet (may be garnished in gold), cap of maintenance of red velvet with the lining turned up plumetty argent gouty de sang in place of the torse, and mantling.

How to draw it: The tails of the chapeau are on the back of the hat. A red drop is put on every other plume of the turned-up lining.

Alternatives: 1) The cap of maintenance without the helm, sitting on the shield.
2) The helm with a pelican (whole or demi-) vulning itself, as a crest. For this option, the pelican may merge into the mantling, and, if desired, the mantling may then be argent gouty de sang, doubled gules (or the main color of the arms). It is not required.

Optional: A crest (if the recipient has a suitable badge registered, or the pelican if preferred), supporters, compartment, and motto.

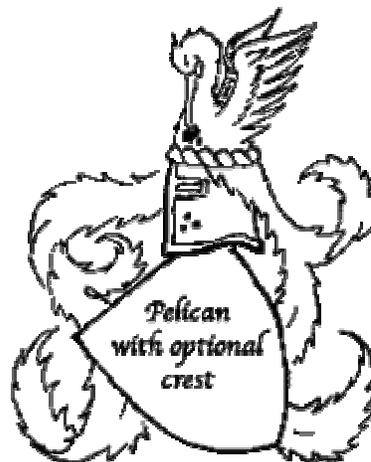


Pelican in her Piety



Cap of Maintenance

Token of Peerage: Order of the Pelican



Text for the Order of the Pelican:

To all and singular unto whom these presents shall come, , **[Sovereign]** and **[Consort]**, undoubted King and Queen of the Sovereign Realm of Ealdormere, bid you greetings. In acknowledgment of **his/her** untiring and selfless devotion to the welfare of Our Kingdom, and after consultation with the members of the Order, We hereby elevate Our subject, **[recipient]**, to the Order of the Pelican of the Society for Creative Anachronism, and affirm by these Letters Patent **his/her** exclusive right to bear the arms **[Blazon]**. In token whereof, We grant **him/her** the privilege of displaying above **his/her** shield, in whole or in part, the achievement proper to the Order: to wit, a cap of maintenance gules turned up plumetty argent gouty de sang, set upon a silver helmet, with mantling **Color** doubled **Metal** [, and doth more plainly appear depicted in the margin]. This have we done on the **[date]** day of **[month]**, Anno Societatis **[year]**. In witness whereof We here set Our hand and seal.

Order of the Laurel

Given to individuals for mastery in an art or science. Recipients may style themselves as 'Master' or 'Mistress'.

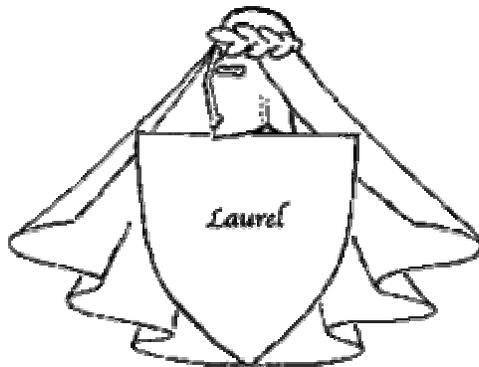
Achievement: Silver or white helmet (may be garnished with gold), green laurel wreath in place of the torse, and mantling.

Alternatives: 1) The laurel wreath above the shield without helm, with ribands or mantling. 2) The laurel wreath encircling shield.

Optional: A crest (if the recipient has a suitable badge registered), supporters, compartment, and motto.



Token of Peerage: Order of the Laurel



Text for the Order of the Laurel:

Greetings to all gentles and nobles of the Known World unto whom these presents shall come, from King **[King's name]** and Queen **[Queen's name]** of the Sovereign Realm of Ealdormere. The excellence and endeavors of Our subject, **[Name]**, in the **[area[s] of specific arts or sciences]** , have moved Us, after consultation with the members of the Order, to elevate **him/her** to the Order of the Laurel of the Society for Creative Anachronism, on this **[date]** day of **[month]**, Anno Societatis **[year]**..We affirm by these Letters Patent **his/her** exclusive right to bear the arms following, that is to say, **[Blazon]**. As further token of Our esteem, We grant **him/her** the privilege of displaying above **his/her** shield, in whole or in part, the achievement proper to the Order: to wit, a wreath of laurel vert set upon a silver helmet, with mantling Color doubled Metal [, as doth more plainly appear in the margin]. In testimony whereof, We here set Our hand and cause the Seal of Ealdormere to be affixed.

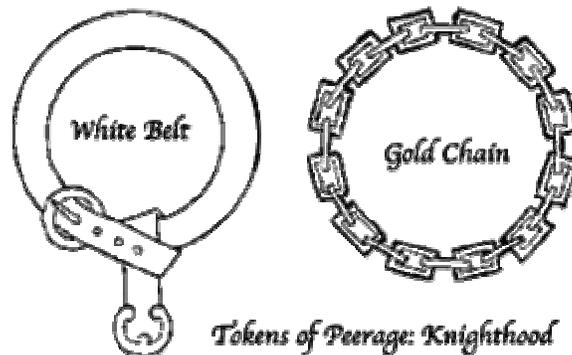
Order of Chivalry

Given to individuals for mastery in armoured combat. Upon entering this order, recipients must choose to be part of one of two branches within this order. Those who choose to become Knights may style themselves as 'Sir'. Those who choose to become Masters-at-Arms may style themselves as 'Master' or 'Mistress'.

Achievement: Silver or white helmet (may be garnished in gold), torse, and mantling, with a gold chain either encircling the shield or around the neck of the helmet.

Alternatives: An encircling white belt may be substituted for the gold chain. This is mandatory for a Master of Arms, as he doesn't wear a chain.

Optional: A crest (if the recipient has a suitable badge registered), supporters, compartment, and motto.



Text for Chivalry:

To all and singular unto whom these presents shall come, **[King's name]**, King by right of arms, and **[Queen's name]**, Queen by virtue of her courtesy, of the most Sovereign Realm of Ealdormere, send commendations and greetings! In acknowledgment of **his/her** chivalry and martial prowess, and after consultation with **his/her** Peers of Arms, We hereby elevate Our subject **[Name]** to the rank of Knight of the Society for Creative Anachronism. Furthermore do We affirm by these Letters Patent **his/her** exclusive right to bear the arms **[Blazon]**. In token whereof, We grant **him/her** the privilege of displaying above **his/her** shield, in whole or in part, the achievement proper to this rank: to wit, a silver helmet with mantling **[Colour]** doubled **[Metal]**, with the gold chain of Knighthood surrounding the shield [as is more plainly depicted in the margin]. This have We

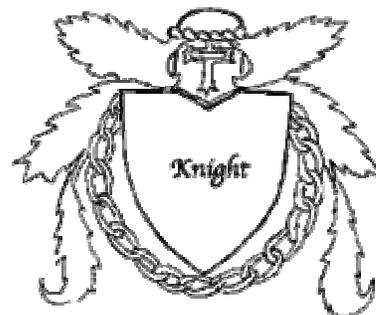
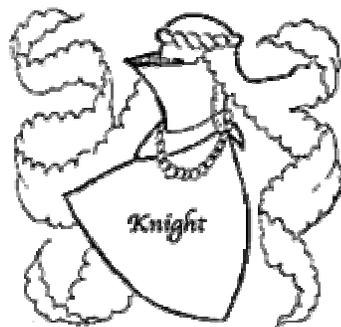
done on the [date] day of [month]. Anno Societatis [year], In witness whereof We here set Our hand and affix the Seal of Ealdormere.

Alternate Text for Knight:

To all and singular to whom these letters come, Greetings: [recipient], has proven **his/her** chivalry and prowess on many a field of honour, and **his/her** nobility in the gentle skills so prized by the people of Ealdormere is known to all. Therefore do We, [King's name], King by right of arms, and [Queen's name], Our Queen, hearing the acclaim of **his/her** peers find **him/her** worthy to don the belt, chain and spurs of a Knight of Our Realm and most joyfully award unto **him/her** the accolade. As a further sign and token of **his/her** new found estate do We bestow upon **him/her** these arms by Letters Patent, [Blazon] which shall be borne by **him/her** and no other. This do We affirm by our hands and seal this [day] day of [month], Anno Societatis [year].

Alternate Text for Master (Mistress) of Arms:

To all to whom these presents do come, let it be known that [recipient], has proven **his/her** chivalry and prowess on many field of honour and **his/her** nobility in the gentle skills are known to all. Therefore do We [King's name], King by right of arms, and [Queen's name], Our Queen, hearing the acclaim of his peers find [recipient], worthy to don the Baldric of a **Master [Mistress]** of Arms and do joyfully receive **him/her** into the Chivalry of Our Realm, and as a further sign and token of **his/her** new found estate do We bestow upon **him/her** these arms by Letters Patent, [Blazon] which shall be borne by **him/her** and no other. In witness We have set our hand and seal this [day] day of [month], Anno Societatis [year].



Count /Countess

Given automatically to individuals who complete one reign as King or Queen. Recipients may wear an embattled gold coronet, may style themselves as 'Count' (or Earl) or 'Countess', and may be addressed as 'Your Excellency'.

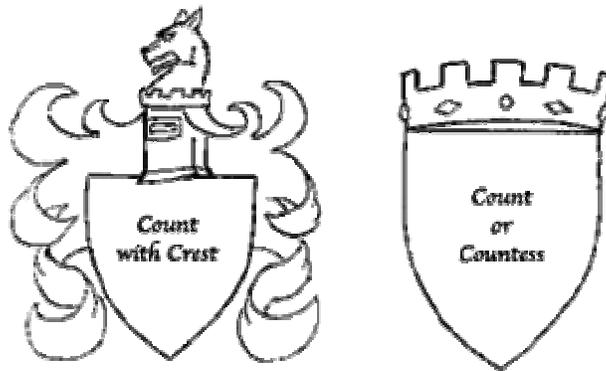
Count

Achievement: Gold or golden yellow helmet, mantling held in place with a gold embattled coronet.

How to draw it: Draw the coronet with five visible crenellations: three in the center, half of one on each end.

Alternatives: No helmet, but a gold embattled coronet set atop the shield.

Optional: A crest (if the recipient has a suitable badge registered), supporters, compartment, and motto.



Text for Count

Due commendations and greetings unto all nobles and gentles throughout the Known World, from **King's name** and **Queen's name**, King and Queen of the Kingdom of Ealdormere. Henceforth, **Name** shall be known as a Count equivalent title in the Society for Creative Anachronism, by virtue of having governed these past months as King of Ealdormere. Furthermore do We confirm by these Royal Letters Patent his exclusive right to bear the arms **Blazon**. In token whereof, We grant him the privilege of augmenting the achievement above his shield with an embattled coronet Or set upon a helmet of gold, with mantling Color doubled Metal [, as is depicted in the margin hereof]. He shall hold said

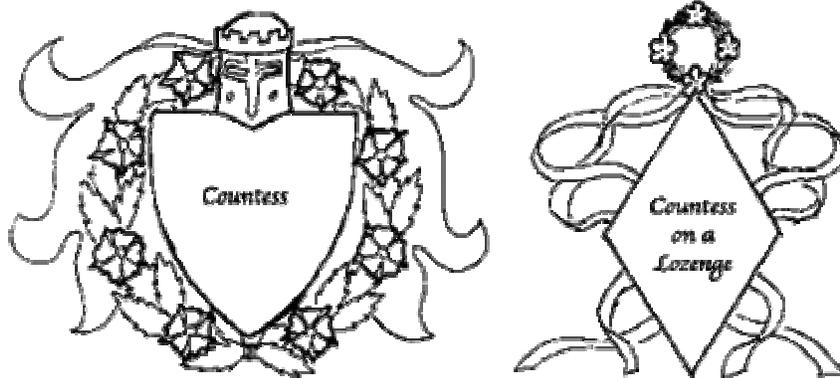
rank from this, **date** day of **month**, Anno Societatis [**year**], unto the end of his days. In testimony whereof, We have signed these Letters Patent, and caused the Seal of Ealdormere to be hereunto affixed.

Countess

Achievement: Gold or golden yellow helmet, mantling held in place with a gold embattled coronet; a wreath of gold heraldic roses with green foliage encircling the shield.

Alternatives: 1) Gold or golden yellow helmet, mantling held in place with a wreath of gold heraldic roses with green foliage; 2) No helmet; a wreath of gold roses either atop the shield or encircling it, ribands or mantling; 3) No helmet, a gold embattled coronet set atop the shield.

Optional: A crest (if the recipient has a suitable badge registered), supporters, compartment, and motto.



Text for Countess:

Let all nobles and gentles throughout the Known World understand by these presents that We, **King's name** and **Queen's name**, King and Queen of the Kingdom of Ealdormere send greetings! We recognize that **Name** hath these past months borne the mantle of Queen of Ealdormere with dignity and grace. She shall be known henceforth as Countess and Lady of the Rose in the Society for Creative Anachronism, and We here confirm by these Royal Letters Patent her sole right to bear and display the arms **Blazon**. In token whereof, We grant her the privilege of augmenting her heraldic achievement with a wreath of roses Or slipped and leaved proper [, as is more lively displayed in the margin]. She shall

hold said rank from this our , **date** day of **month**, Anno Societatis [**year**], unto the end of her days. In testimony whereof, We have caused to be made these Letters Patent, which We have signed, and the Seal of Ealdormere to be hereunto affixed.

Duke and Duchess

Given automatically to individuals who complete a second reign as King or Queen. Recipients may wear a coronet adorned with strawberry leaves, may style themselves as 'Duke' or 'Duchess', and may be addressed as 'Your Grace'.

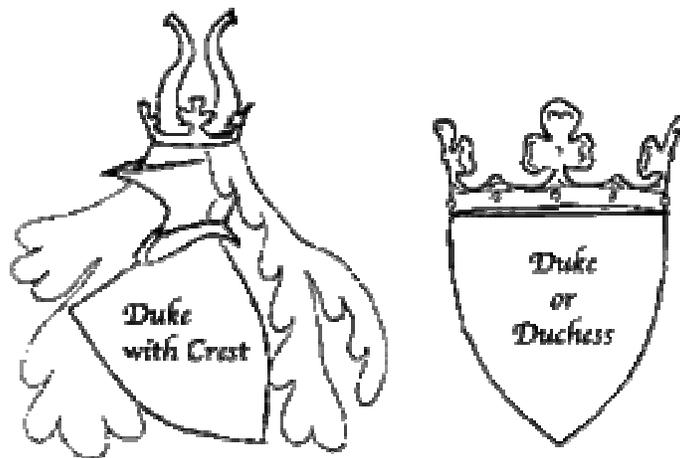
Duke

Achievement: Drawing of his personal helm (in gold), mantling held in place with a gold ducal coronet.

How to draw it: Get a photo of his own helmet, and draw it. (Use a standard helmet, if photos are not available.) A ducal coronet has four sprays of strawberry leaves around the rim. Three will be visible: a full one in the center, and half a spray visible on each end.

Alternatives: No helm, but a gold ducal coronet set atop the shield.

Optional: A crest (if the recipient has a suitable badge registered), supporters, compartment, and motto.



Text for Duke:

Unto all nobles and gentles throughout the Known World, We, **King's name** and **Queen's name**, King and Queen of the Kingdom of Ealdormere, send greetings! Henceforth, **Name** shall be known as a **Duke** in the Society for Creative Anachronism, by virtue of having borne the burden of Kingship twice. Furthermore, We confirm by these Royal Letters Patent his right to bear **Blazon**. We here charge **Duke {recipient's first name}** to uphold the dignity of this station; in token whereof We grant him the privilege of augmenting the achievement above his shield with a ducal coronet Or set upon a depiction of his helmet in gold or other metal, with mantling **Color** doubled **Metal** [, as can be more clearly seen in the margin hereof]. He shall hold said rank from this our , **date of month**, Anno Societatis [**year**], unto the end of his days. In testimony whereof, We have signed these Letters Patent, and caused the Seal of Ealdormere to be hereunto affixed.

Duchess

Achievement: Gold or yellow golden helmet, mantling held in place with a gold ducal coronet.

How to Draw it: A ducal coronet has four sprays of strawberry leaves around the rim. Three will be visible: a full one in the center, and half a spray visible on each end.

Alternatives: 1) Wreath of gold roses and green strawberry leaves encircling the shield, in addition to the standard achievement; 2) No helmet, with a ducal coronet set atop the shield; 3) Helmet, no coronet, but the mantling held in place with a wreath of gold roses and green strawberry leaves.

Optional: A crest (if the recipient has a suitable badge registered), supporters, compartment, and motto.



Text for Duchess:

Nobles and gentles throughout the Known World unto whom these presents shall come, We, **King's name** and **Queen's name**, King and Queen of the Kingdom of Ealdormere, send greetings! Henceforth, **Name** shall be known as a Duchess the Society for Creative Anachronism, in recognition that she has twice borne the mantle of Queen with dignity and grace. Furthermore, We confirm by these Royal Letters Patent her right to bear the arms **Blazon**. We here charge Duchess *{recipient's first name}* to continue the traditions of this rank; in token whereof, We grant her the privilege of augmenting the achievement above her shield, in whole or in part, with a ducal coronet Or environed of a wreath of roses Or and strawberry leaves vert, set upon a golden helmet, with mantling **Color** doubled **Metal**. She shall hold said rank from this, **date** of **month** Anno Societatis [**year**], unto the end of her days. In testimony whereof, We have caused to be made these Letters Patent, which We have signed, and the Seal of Ealdormere to be hereunto affixed.

Alternative Opening Phrases

To all and singular unto whom these presents shall come...

King's name and **Queen's name** ...

Let all gentles and nobles know by these presents that...

Know all men by these presents that....

Be it known to all by these presents that....

Proclaim to all gentles and nobles, that....

All nobility, know ye by these presents that...

See, read, hear and understand by these presents that We....

Due commendations and greetings from **King's name** and **Queen's name**, King and Queen of Ealdormere, unto all nobles and gentles to whom these presents shall come.

Or any greeting line from any other scroll text.

Materials

Paper

The best paper to use is acid free, 100% rag, 90 Lb (light) to 140 Lb (heavier), Watercolor. These papers come in hot press (smooth) or cold press (rough) surface. In water colour paper, hot press is best, as the roughness of the cold press makes it hard to keep the lettering even.

For special occasions you may want to use Parchment, Leather, to do a scroll. You would be well advised to speak with someone who has worked in these areas before investing money into them.

Mediums:

Paint

Water-soluble paints such as gouache, or water paints are your best bet. Gouache you can get in tubes so you will need a palette. Water paints come in cakes, just add water. Check the permanency rating on the tube to make sure the colour will not fade fast. **Do not** use markers (they fade in a short time) or Oils (they leave an oily halo around the area).

Inks

Inks come in water-soluble or lacquer-based. Water-soluble flow nicely and won't clog as easily as lacquer-based. Check the fade resistance factor. Also check where you buy it for the best way to clean your pens. Whether they are dip pens or cartridge pens.

Basic Achievements for Scribes

THL Erick of Longacres

When scribes are asked to do a scroll for Grant of Arms (GoA) level awards and above, one of the elements that should be included on the scroll is an achievement of arms (provided the recipient has arms which have been passed by the Laurel Sovereign of Arms). If, at this point, you are sitting back saying, “what is an achievement of arms”, this chapter is for you. (If on the other hand you are saying, “what is a Grant of Arms...” You may want to back up to the chapter on the Ealdormere award structure.)

Typically the display of arms within the SCA follows the guidelines and principles of early to mid 14th century English and Western European heraldry and as such, the majority of my discussion here will focus on this. If the scroll you are working on is intended for an individual whose persona is of another period and you are looking to make their scroll “authentic” to their time period, you will need to do some further research.

An achievement of arms is a full display of the recipient’s arms. The achievement itself is comprised of number of elements, including the shield, helm, mantling or cloak, crest, torse or coronet, livery, compartment, supporters, motto and various badges.



Livery Tinctures

The colours used in some elements of the achievement are known as livery tinctures. Specifically, they are the two prominent tinctures of the arms, one being usually a heraldic colour (red, green, blue, purple, black) and the other being a heraldic metal (silver/white, gold/yellow). They are selected from the field and primary charge of the arms.

The Shield

Standard SCA display uses the “escutcheon” or heater style shield, although there are a number of different designs which are perfectly acceptable for display (see figure 1). As with AoA’s, the shield should be adorned with the recipient’s arms as registered within the SCA.

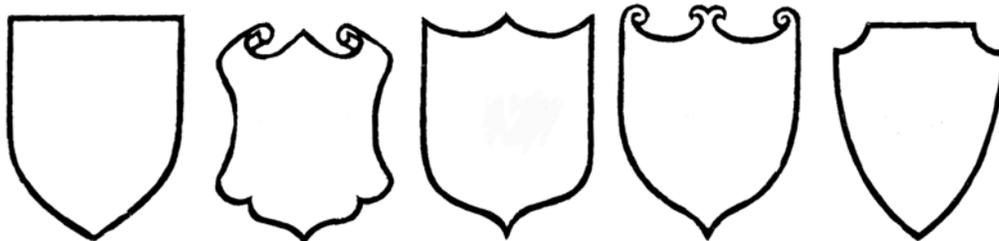


Figure 1 Assorted Shield Shapes

Helm

There are a number of designs of helms which can be incorporated into the achievement of arms (see figure 2). The helm should be silver with minimal ornamentation, unless the recipient is a royal peer, in which case the helm may be ornamented in gold. Helms may be displayed face on, 1/2 view (facing to the left of the depiction) or 3/4 view.

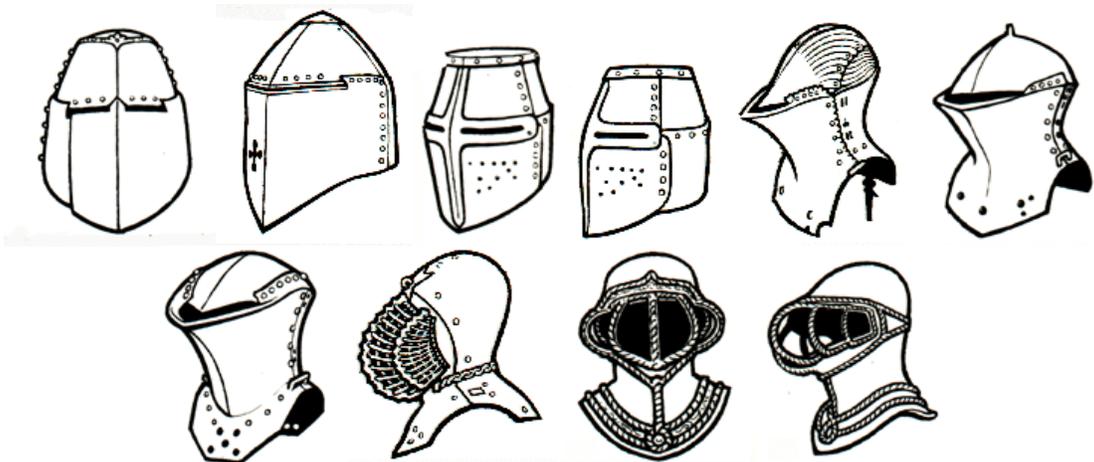


Figure 2 Assorted Helms

Mantling

Mantling is a piece of fabric which covers the top, rear sides, and rear of the *helm*. It issues from the wreath of the *torse*. Mantling is usually lined in the metal tincture of the *livery*, and the outside is depicted in the *livery* colour. The edges may be decoratively dagged and artistically turned to show both the inside and outside tinctures. (See figures 3a and 3b)

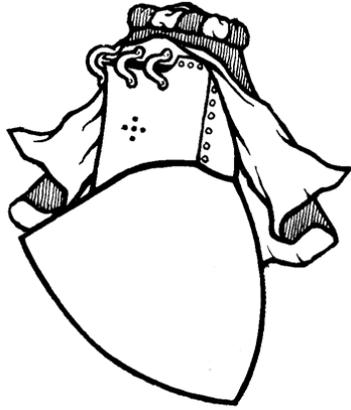


Figure 3a Simple Mantling

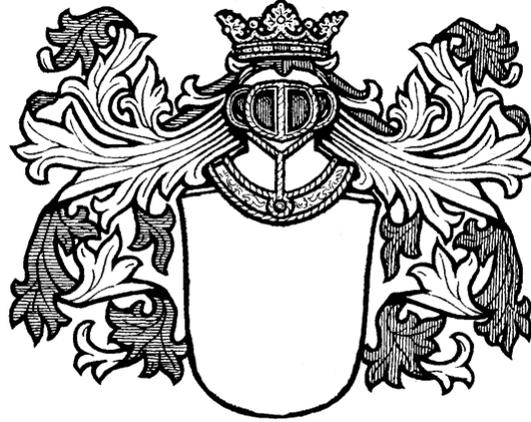


Figure 3b Elaborate Mantling

Torse

The torse is a roll of fabric consisting of twists of the two livery tinctures (one colour, one metal as in the mantling, above) It is placed atop the helm and should not be used without a *crest*. Figure 3a pictures a basic torse and mantling (the crest has been removed so that the torse and mantling can be seen clearly)

Crest

Crests were originally quite simple, taking the form of a stylized fan, geometric shape or horns. In later period they became much more sophisticated and elaborate, usually incorporating some element of the device or the *supporters*. The inclusion of a crest in scrolls should be limited to the use of the Kingdom crest (for GoA level holders ONLY) (figure 4) or crests specified by the recipient - please do not invent a crest for people. If a GoA level holder is receiving another award the Kingdom crest can be used as the recipient has already earned the right to bear this crest.

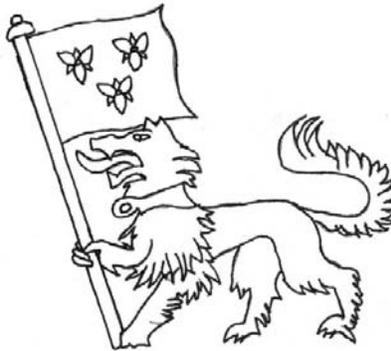


Figure 4 The Crest of Ealdormere

Supporters

As per tradition, persons holding an AoA, but below a GoA, may have a single supporter (see figure 5). Those with a GoA-level or above are entitled to two supporters (see figure 6). A supporter is usually the full-figure of a person or beast which actually holds the shield up. Typically, if two supporters are used, they would be same on both sides of the shield. Supporters are usually taken either from depictions within the arms or are representative of the persons station or location

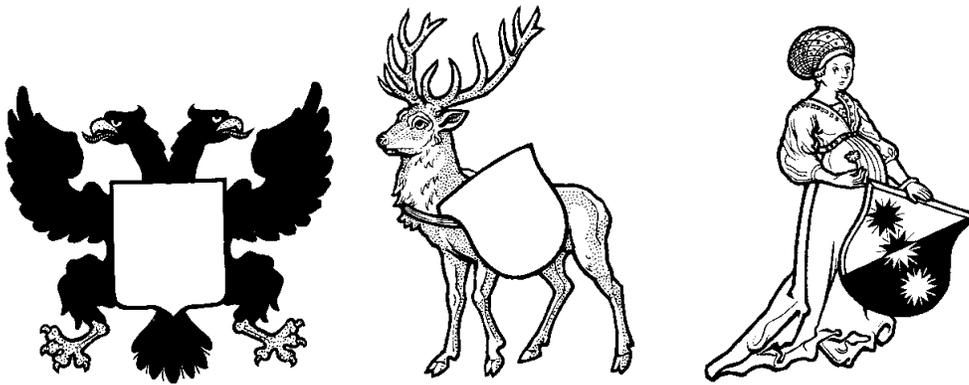


Figure 5 Single Supporters



Figure 6 Double Supporters

Cloaks

Typically cloaks would be used instead of a helm. Historically it would have been used for ladies and members of the church or religious orders. It would be displayed as circular cloak usually lined in the metal tincture of the arms (see figure 7). This type of element in an SCA achievement of arms is particularly well suited to a member of the laurel or the pelican.

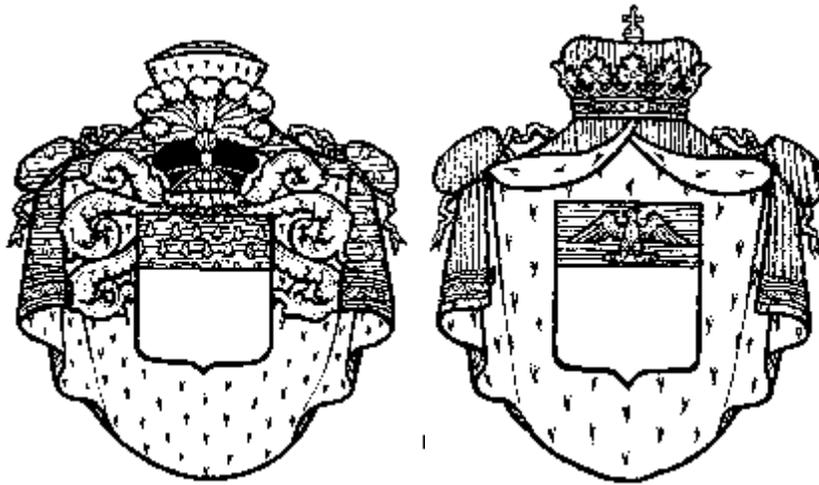


Figure 7 Cloaks

Motto

A motto may be added to the achievement, IF you know the recipient's choice of mottos (please do not invent one....) It would historically be displayed on a "motto scroll". (see figure 8)



Figure 8 Motto & Motto Scroll

Sumptuary Customs

Although there are no "official" sumptuary customs in Ealdormere at this time, the following list incorporates "tradition" and those customs which are SCA-wide (it is based upon the traditions and customs of the Middle Kingdom with some minor Ealdormerian alterations).

All other gentlefolk with registered devices who wish to display them in a full Achievement are strongly encouraged to do so according to the following forms:

- *Anyone who has a registered device is entitled to display it with a steel helm, torse, personal crest and mantling. The helm may be displayed either affronty or in profile, whichever better displays the crest.*
- *Each Armiger may add one supporter and a compartment on which it can stand.*
- *The badge(s) of any armigerous orders or awards to which the armiger is entitled may be displayed by the supporter. In most cases the supporter will wear them around its neck.*

- *All nobility (i.e., Dukes, Duchesses, Counts, Countesses, Viscounts, Viscountesses, Territorial Barons, Territorial Baronesses, Court Barons, and Court Baronesses) Peers, holders of Grants of Arms, and Great Officers of State are entitled to a second supporter*
- *All nobility may wear upon their helm the appropriate coronet of rank.*
- *All Royal Peers (i.e., Dukes, Duchesses, Counts, Countesses, Viscounts, and Viscountesses) and Peers may ornament their helms with gold.*
- *All Peers may surround their arms with the appropriate symbol(s) of their orders: for Knight, a gold chain; for Masters and Mistresses of Arms, a white baldric (after the fashion of the Scottish strap and buckle); for Masters and Mistresses of the Order of the Laurel, a laurel wreath; and for Masters and Mistresses of the Order of the Pelican, a wreath of feathers charged with goutes of blood.*
- *Masters and Mistresses of the Order of the Laurel may replace or ensign the torse with a chaplet of laurel leaves.*
- *Masters and Mistresses of the Order of the Pelican may replace the torse with a chapeau of any tincture.*
- *Ladies and Lords of the Rose may surround their arms with a chaplet of roses. Alternately, they may replace the torse with a chaplet of roses.*
- *Holder of Grant of Arms within Ealdormere are entitled to bear the Crest of Ealdormere. No one else may bear this crest.*
- *A Landed Baron and Baroness may display the Arms of his or her Barony on a banner maintained by one of the supporters.*

Restrictions on Crests and Supporters: *The choice of crest and supporter(s) is a matter of personal whim. There is no bar to two people using the same crest and supporter(s). There is, however, one restriction: the Crest of Ealdormere may be used only as prescribed above.*

Conclusion

In conclusion, this article just provides the basic information on achievements of arms. If you are looking for further information or are working a special or commissioned scroll and would like to ensure that the achievement is appropriate to the individual please contact a senior member of the Trillium Herald's staff for further information. They will be glad to assist you or, at least provide you with some excellent sources of documentation. Be very careful of the material which you use for research as Victorian and Modern Heraldry have some very different approaches to the display of arms which would not have been appropriate in period.